

## Inspection report for early years provision

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## Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

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The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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## Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 1998. She lives with her daughter in a three bedroom mid-terraced house in the village of Whitchurch in Hampshire. All of the home is suitable for childminding. Children have access to an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children under the age of eight, of these only three may be in the early years age group. Currently the childminder has no children on roll. The childminder has a level 3 in Early Years Care and Education, a level 2 in play work and a level 3 award in first line management. The family has tortoises and fish. The childminder is an active member of the local childminding group.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a thorough knowledge and understanding of safeguarding in order to protect children and promote their well-being. The childminder has completed both the advanced and level four safeguarding training through her local authority. Accurate policies and procedures are in place, which are available for parents and include contact details of local agencies and the regulator. The childminder demonstrates through discussion a thorough knowledge of the documentation required, including a register of times of arrival and departure, accident, incident, existing injuries and medication records. The childminder has documents available for parents to complete to gain permissions.

The childminder demonstrates she actively promotes good health and hygiene in the setting. She has precise systems in place to obtain information regarding medical and dietary requirements, including allergies. The childminder promotes a healthy lifestyle through the sample menus she shares and information she gives to parents about healthy eating. Standards of hygiene throughout the property are well maintained. The childminder is aware of the importance of fresh air and exercise contributing to a healthy lifestyle. She demonstrates this through the wide variety of activities she would provide including playing in the garden, visiting local parks, picking fruit and vegetables at a nearby farm and visiting places of interest. The childminder has taken steps to minimise risks inside and outside of her home promoting children's safety. Daily checks are completed and thorough detailed risk assessments are in place. A plan for evacuations and fire detection equipment is in place. A fire log records evacuation drills and any problems encountered.

An extensive range of suitable toys, resources and equipment are available. Play resources are successfully organised with pictorial labels to aid and promote children's free choices and decisions. They cover all the areas of learning and are fully inclusive reflecting the wider world. The childminder demonstrated through discussions an excellent understanding of the learning and development requirements. She discussed how she would use observations and assessments to inform the next steps in children's learning. She described how she would work collaboratively with parents and other carers in order to promote the best possible outcomes for children.

The childminder demonstrates dedication and commitment to her role as she has completed extensive training and plays an active role in the local childminding group. She regularly evaluates her practice in order to make further improvements. She has highly effective communication strategies and procedures in place to work with parents and other professionals seeking additional support when required.

## **Compliance with registration requirements**

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## **Annex B: the Childcare Register**

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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